



## **Report to the Legislature**

# **Services to Persons with Disabilities who request to move from Residential Habilitation Centers to the community under the US Supreme Court decision on Olmstead**

Chapter 7, Laws of 2001, E2, Section 205(1)( c )

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Chapter 7, Laws of 2001, E2, Section 205(1) requires the Department of Social and Health Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to report quarterly on the implementation of individuals moving from the Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs) to the community. This report covers the quarter ending March 31, 2003. Forty-four (44) of the 54 people expressing a desire to move have now moved.

## **BACKGROUND**

In response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision on Olmstead v. L.C., the Washington State Legislature appropriated funds to DDD to provide community options for people living in the state RHCs. The legislature provided funding to move 80 people at a cost of no more than \$280 per day.

## **PROCESS**

Through a process adopted by the division, each individual living in an RHC and their guardians or close relatives, was asked whether they wanted to move to the community. In preparation for a budget request for the 2001-03 Biennium, an estimate was made as to the number of people who would choose to move and their approximate costs. The initial estimate was 90 individuals at an average cost of \$343 per day. As people were individually interviewed, this number decreased to 80. As the process of asking people about moving and planning moves developed, additional people changed their minds. The total number desiring to move, including those already moved is now 54. However, based on actual estimates for those people who had chosen to move, the original estimate of costs remained consistent.

## **STATUS**

During the quarter ending March 31, 2003, six individuals moved from the RHCs bringing the total to date for the biennium to 44 persons. The average daily cost for the individuals moving is \$281.93 per day. The division now expects to move about 54 people during the biennium. Originally a total of 74 out of 80 individuals were to have moved by the end of March. The division is behind schedule in moving people for several reasons: (1) finding affordable, accessible housing has proven difficult; (2) developing services that remain within available funding for people who have a high level of challenging support needs has proven difficult; and (3) finding two or more

compatible roommates to share living quarters in order to reduce costs takes time, coordination, and increased effort. Some individuals are choosing to visit more than one residential option and are choosing personal agents to help them plan for their respective community supports. These processes are intensive and take more time than originally planned but result in satisfied consumer placements. RHC Olmstead coordinators are working with resource managers in each region where an identified person wants to move in order to find appropriate housing and roommates. Coordinators/resource managers work with families and the individual when options are not available in their ideal choice of locations. Most often people want to move near their family and friends and this takes more time for the coordinators.

We believe that people have changed their minds about moving for different reasons, but one prominent reason mentioned is the uncertainty raised by the current state of the economy. Families believe that state-run institutions will remain but fear that community services may not always be available. Rainier School has the greatest number of people interested in moving so an additional case manager has been assigned to Rainier School to facilitate placements. RHC and Regional Olmstead Coordinators continue to work together to find appropriate placements for those people desiring to move.

## **NEXT STEPS**

The Division of Developmental Disabilities will continue the process of asking each individual living in an RHC and their representatives whether they are interested in moving to the community for services. The division will continue to try to move people at the rate authorized in the appropriation. As reflected within the attached 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter data, 44 of the 54 people expressing a desire to move have now moved.

## **CONTINGENCY**

RHC cottages will be closed as people moving into the community create vacancies. As cottages are closed, staff will be reduced in the RHCs. Cottage closures and staff reductions depend on the movement of people from the RHCs into the community. We anticipate that about 54 people will move instead of the planned 80. Fircrest will be able to close two of three cottages planned for closure. The second cottage closure will be delayed until the end of the biennium. Rainier was a few months late in closing its third cottage but now has closed the fourth cottage ahead of schedule. Yakima Valley closed the second half cottage a few days ahead of schedule. As fewer people are moving from the RHCs, a cottage will not close, and consolidation and closure of other cottages is being delayed. Because of this anticipated savings through Olmstead will be less, as fewer staff will be reduced.

**Olmstead Monitoring**

	Initials of Person	Previous Residence	Region Moved To	Residential Start Date	Residential Daily Rate	Day Program Daily Rate	Therapies Daily Rate	Other Daily Rate	Total Daily Expenditure
1	DS	Fircrest	Region 4	11/1/2001	277.48	23.89	7.24	3.29	311.90
2	DG	Rainier	Region 6	11/30/2001	355.00	55.00	5.00	20.96	435.96
3	DH	Rainier	Region 4	12/3/2001	259.86	23.89	14.79	6.58	305.12
4	CH	Fircrest	Region 4	12/5/2001	263.20	23.89	9.92		297.01
5	VK	FHMC	Region 4	12/3/2001	263.20	23.89	8.12		295.21
6	BG	FHMC	Region 4	12/3/2001	263.20	23.89	8.12		295.21
7	BH	Yakima	Region 5	12/12/2001	260.00	20.00			280.00
8	DL	Lakeland	Region 1	1/11/2002	360.01	16.2	10.00	5.00	391.21
9	SM	Rainier	Region 4	1/28/2002	263.20	23.89	8.12		295.21
10	RV	Rainier	Region 5	2/28/2002	248.15	20.00	10.00	10.00	288.15
11	BH	Rainier	Region 5	2/28/2002	248.15	20.00	10.00	10.00	288.15
12	GH	Rainier	Region 4	3/2/2002	295.38	23.89	11.51		330.78
13	EF	Rainier	Region 2	3/25/2002	307.61			10.91	318.52
14	TC	Rainier	Region 4	4/1/2002	279.28	23.89	1.21		304.38
15	RG	Rainier	Region 5	4/29/2002	262.16	20.00	15.01		297.17
16	EE	Fircrest	Region 4	5/14/2002	259.20	23.89	4.93		288.02
17	AS	Fircrest	Region 4	5/21/2002		23.89	1.21		25.10
18	MR	Fircrest	Region 3	5/22/2002	121.01	23.89	10.00		154.90
19	LL	Rainier	Region 3	6/11/2002	293.17	23.89	10.00		327.06
20	TS	Rainier	Region 6	6/20/2002	277.26				277.26
21	RS	Rainier	Region 6	7/8/2002	277.26				277.26
22	JL	Fircrest	Region 3	7/12/2002	98.62	23.89	10.00	20.00	152.51
23	WD	Rainier	Region 4	7/22/2002	257.08	23.89			280.97
24	PB	Rainier	Region 5	7/29/2002	238.00	20.00	9.87	9.87	277.74
25	DA	Rainier	Region 5	7/29/2002	238.00	20.00	9.87	9.87	277.74
26	DW	Rainier	Region 4	8/17/2002	328.04	23.89	1.97		353.90
27	SS	Rainier	Region 4	9/3/2002	250.94	23.89	2.5	1.64	278.97
28	YE	Rainier	Region 4	9/4/2002	245.25		8.22	6.54	260.01
29	TJ	Rainier	Region 4	9/18/2002	256.14	23.89			280.03
30	RH	Fircrest	Region 4	9/23/2002	286.16	23.89	2.85		312.90
31	DA	Rainier	Region 4	9/27/2002	201.35	23.89	1.06		226.30
32	TG	Rainier	Region 4	10/17/2002	258.69	23.89			282.58
33	JH	Rainier	Region 5	10/30/2002	224.01	20.00			244.01
34	EB	Fircrest	Region 4	11/13/2002	254.60	23.89	1.64	1.06	281.19
35	AE	Rainier	Region 4	11/27/2002	254.38	23.89	1.1		279.37
36	AL	Fircrest	Region 4	12/6/2002	265.27	23.89	1.21		290.37
37	AC	Fircrest	Region 6	12/10/2002	280.00		1.06		281.06
38	NW	Fircrest	Region 4	12/20/2002	256.14	23.89			280.03
39	DY	Rainier	Region 5	1/30/2003	262.9	22.00			284.90
40	DC	Rainier	Region 6	2/5/2003	245.00	30.00	5		280.00
41	MJ	Rainier	Region 5	2/6/2003	230.00	20.01	20.01	6.58	276.60
42	MS	Rainier	Region 5	2/6/2003	230.00	20.01	20.01	6.58	276.60
43	RM	YVS	Region 2	2/28/2003	230.12	24.02			254.14
44	JP	Fircrest	Region 3	3/17/2003	282.44	23.89	3.19		309.52

**Average Daily Expenditure**

**281.93**